

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATING HOLY FAMILY RESIDENCE

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I congratulate the Holy Family Residence of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Scranton, PA, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

The Holy Family Residence has served the elderly poor of Scranton for the past century with loving care and devotion. All of the devoted caregivers ensure that the guests of Holy Family Residence receive the physical, social, and spiritual care advocated by Blessed Jeanne Jugan, the foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor. In fact, all of the sisters have taken a vow of hospitality to care for their impoverished neighbors. Not only do the guests of the Little Sisters of the Poor enjoy a true sense of belonging through recreational and social activities and responsibility for certain daily tasks, but the guests also receive hospitality in the form of physical comfort and compassionate healthcare.

The current staff of Holy Family Residence consists of ten Little Sisters of the Poor and 90 full and part-time employees. These devoted individuals offer skilled nursing care to 52 elderly residents and also operate apartment-style living for another 22 disadvantaged senior citizens. All of those under the care of Holy Family Residence are eligible for Medicaid. In spite of such financial difficulties, these residents can enjoy peace of mind and compassion through the charitable efforts of the Little Sisters of the Poor and the dedicated caregivers at Holy Family. It is with great pride that I congratulate Holy Family Residence for its 100 years of service to the elderly poor of Scranton. I hope that the Little Sisters of the Poor may continue their good works in Scranton for many years to come and that they might inspire others to show the same care toward their neighbors.●

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA WRESTLING TEAM

• Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I am here today to honor the University of Iowa wrestling team. The Hawkeye wrestlers won their 21st NCAA championship on March 22, 2008 in St. Louis. It was the first national championship for the Hawkeyes since 2000, and it shows that Iowa's great wrestling tradition continues. Under the tutelage of former Hawkeye great Tom Brands, the Iowa squad won its 32nd Big Ten conference title with a perfect 8-0 record. They had an overall dual record of 21-1.

Iowa crowned two individual national champions in St. Louis, Brent Metcalf and Mark Perry. Metcalf had an incredible season for the black and gold and was named Outstanding Wrestler at the Big Ten and NCAA Championships, and at the Division I NWCA/Cliff Keen Na-

tional Duals. Metcalf was named Big Ten Wrestler of the Year, and most recently was awarded the Dan Hodge Trophy which recognizes the top college wrestler each year. Perry won the second national championship of his college career. He was also named an All-American for the fourth time. A senior, Perry compiled an overall record of 96-16, and a 20-3 record this season. They also had seven athletes named All-Americans, Metcalf, Perry, Jay Borschel, Matt Fields, Charlie Falck, Phillip Keddy and Joe Slaton.

Coach Brands was named National Wrestling Coaches Association Coach of the Year and Big Ten Coach of the Year.

Iowans also celebrated the Hawkeyes' success on April 3, which Governor Culver proclaimed "University of Iowa Wrestling Day" in our State.

I am proud to recognize the Iowa Hawkeye wrestling team, along with Coach Tom Brands and his outstanding staff, for winning the Division I Wrestling National Team Championship.●

HONORING DR. PHILIP MASON

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to recognize the efforts of Dr. Philip P. Mason, widely regarded as one of Michigan's most distinguished living historians, on the opening of the 50th Annual Conference on Local History; "Michigan in Perspective." This conference, which Dr. Mason founded in 1958 and continued to organize and nurture for a half century, is one of our Nation's most outstanding historical gatherings, appealing to historians of all ranks. Dr. Mason's efforts throughout the years to preserve, promote, and facilitate the use of historical records is, indeed, an important endeavor.

Dr. Mason graduated from Boston University with a degree in liberal arts in 1951, and subsequently moved to Michigan to pursue a master's, and ultimately a doctorate, in history from the University of Michigan. While at the University of Michigan, he served as Michigan's State Archivist from 1953 to 1958.

In 1958, Dr. Mason launched a long and distinguished career at Wayne State University as a professor of history. That same year, he founded the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs and served as its director until he retired in 1992 to return to teaching. By 1992, the Labor Archives had grown to become the official depository for the inactive records of nine international labor unions, including the United Auto Workers, Service Employees International Union, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Airline Pilots, American Federation of Teachers, and the United Farm Workers.

The archives also preserved and made available to researchers the historical files of several thousand labor leaders, reformers, and prominent community leaders. In May 1975, the new Walter Reuther Library opened on the Wayne

State University campus. By the end of his tenure as director, the library had become one of the major research centers in the world and an integral part of the research of hundreds of scholars, writers, film producers, and other researchers.

Dr. Mason was promoted to full professor in the department of history in 1966. He also became professor of library and information science in 1993 and his popular archives curriculum educated and inspired hundreds of young professional archivists. In 1990, Wayne State University named Dr. Mason a distinguished professor of history, a rank he retained until his retirement in 2006. Throughout his career, he received numerous awards, including the Alumni Faculty Service Award in 2005, the President's Exceptional Service Award in 2001, and the Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award in 1985.

During his career as an archivist, he assisted many institutions, including Penn State University, Georgia State University, the University of Texas at Austin, and San Francisco State University to establish their labor archives. He was the major consultant to the AFL-CIO in establishing the George Meany Archives at Silver Spring. He also assisted 15 other international unions to set up archives and records management programs.

Dr. Mason played an active role as a member of at least seven professional societies ranging from the American Association of State and Local History to the Michigan Historical Society. From 1986 to the present he served as co-editor of Wayne State's award-winning Great Lakes Books Series, and in 1992, he became the editor of Michigan State University Press' Henry R. Schoolcraft series. He authored or co-authored eight books including "Rum Running and the Roaring Twenties," 1995, "The Ambassador Bridge," 1987, and Tracy W. McGregor: Humanitarian, Philanthropist and Detroit Civic Leader," 2008.

In addition to authoring and contributing to numerous other articles and television series, Dr. Mason has traveled for decades giving popular presentations that broaden the appreciation of Michiganders of their colorful Michigan heritage. And, along the way, Dr. Phil Mason has selflessly befriended, assisted, and inspired hundreds of young scholars to carve out careers in local history.

I know my colleagues join me in honoring Dr. Philip Mason. I wish him continued success in the years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO WALLY BRONNER

• Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I wish to honor a remarkable man from Michigan, Wally Bronner, who passed away on April 1, 2008, at the age of 81. As the founder of BRONNER'S CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND in Frankenmuth, he embodied the spirit of Christmas.

I had the privilege of visiting Wally at his store and it was an amazing experience. His enthusiasm and passion were contagious. He was truly an ambassador for the community of Frankenmuth and the State of Michigan, throughout our country and the world. It is hard to think of Christmas without thinking about Wally Bronner. BRONNER'S CHRISTmas WONDERLAND is truly one of a kind and provides visitors with the opportunity to experience different cultures and Christmas traditions from around the world.

Wally Bronner was born and raised in Frankenmuth, MI. He started a sign painting business while in high school and then decorated window displays for a local hardware store. Several merchants approached him about providing them with Christmas decorations and that was the beginning of what has now become BRONNER'S CHRISTmas WONDERLAND, which sits on 45 acres of land with a shipping department that is the size of 5½ football fields and a chapel.

Wally had a deep faith in God and was passionate about giving back to the community. His generosity has been felt in Frankenmuth and beyond. The Walter and Irene Bronner and Family Foundation, which he founded, has made many special things happen for the community, including a new auditorium at Frankenmuth High School and "Operation Sparkle" that provided the equipment needed to clean up Saginaw.

BRONNER'S CHRISTmas WONDERLAND will continue to delight people of all ages across the world, but Wally's presence will surely be missed. I want to express my deepest sympathies to his wife Irene Bronner and his children Carla Spletzer, Maria Sutorik and Wayne Bronner. Frankenmuth, the State of Michigan and Christmas lovers everywhere are forever indebted to Wally Bronner.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4847. An act to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4847. An act to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first

and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. DODD):

S. 2822. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to repeal a section of that Act relating to exportation or importation of natural gas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1437

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1437, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the semicentennial of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

S. 1963

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1963, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow bonds guaranteed by the Federal home loan banks to be treated as tax exempt bonds.

S. 2369

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2369, a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide that certain tax planning inventions are not patentable, and for other purposes.

S. 2485

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2485, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2709

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2709, a bill to increase the criminal penalties for illegally reentering the United States and for other purposes.

S. 2717

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2717, a bill to provide for enhanced Federal enforcement of, and State and local assistance in the enforcement of, the immigration laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2719

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2719, a bill to provide that Executive Order 13166 shall have no force or effect, and to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes.

S. 2766

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2766, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to

address certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel.

S. 2774

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2774, a bill to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, and for other purposes.

S. 2785

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2785, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Security Act to preserve access to physicians' services under the Medicare program.

S. 2821

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2821, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the limited continuation of clean energy production incentives and incentives to improve energy efficiency in order to prevent a downturn in these sectors that would result from a lapse in the tax law.

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 2821, supra.

S. RES. 495

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 495, a resolution designating April 2008 as "Financial Literacy Month".

AMENDMENT NO. 4382

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4382 proposed to H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation.

AMENDMENT NO. 4384

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4384 proposed to H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon